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October 30, 2003

Honorable James H. Welsh,
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Additional Units,
Pettet Zone, Reservoir A
PET RA SUPP thru PET RA SU53
Proposed Redefinition of Pettet Zone, Reservoir A
Proposed Additional Units
Rodessa Sand, Reservoir A
ROD RA SU PP thru ROD RA SU53
Cotton Valley Field
Webster Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **JOHN J. WELSH**, (Applicant), to the Commissioner of Conservation for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Rodessa Sand, Reservoir A, and the Pettet Zone, Reservoir A, Cotton Valley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create six (6) additional 40 +/- acre drilling and production unit for the exploration of and the production of gas and condensate for the Pettet Lime, Reservoir A, Cotton Valley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, such units being designated PET RA SUPP thru PET RA SU53 shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof.
2. To create six (6) additional 40 +/- acre drilling and production unit for the exploration of and the production of gas and condensate for the Rodessa Sand, Reservoir A, Cotton Valley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, such units being designated ROD RA SUPP thru ROD RA SU53, shown on the attached plat and being made a part hereof.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property within the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract to share in the unit production on a surface acreage bases of participation.

4. To redefine the Pettet Zone, Reservoir A, as that gas and condensate bearing interval encountered between the depths of 5,350 feet and 5,490 feet (electric log measurements) in the John J. Welsh – Gray No. 1 Well, located in Section 26, Township 21 North, Range 10 West, Webster Parish, Louisiana.
5. To designate a unit operator and unit well where applicable.
6. To extend the provisions of the 10-Z-E-2 Series of Office of Conservation Orders to the proposed Pettet Units being requested herein, except as they may be in conflict herewith.
7. To extend the provisions of the 10-JJ Series of Office of Conservation Orders to the proposed Rodessa Units being requested herein, except as they may be in conflict herewith.
8. To consider and cover such other matters as the Commissioner of Conservation may deem pertinent and appropriate.

The Pettet Lime, Reservoir A, in the Cotton Valley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order NO. 10-Z-E-2, effective November 9, 1999.

The Rodessa Sand, Reservoir A, in the Cotton Valley Field, Webster Parish, Louisiana was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 10-JJ, effective February 6, 2001.

The pertinent data pertaining to this application is available for inspection at the Offices of Bob F. Anderson, PE, Inc., 400 Travis Street, Suite 209, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Bob Anderson 318/425-4230 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is otherwise not available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained **at the expense of the requesting party.**

A notice was sent to all parties stating a time and date to discuss the application and any objections thereto, however, no requests for a conference was received, therefore no conference was held.

Pursuant to the revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this notice of this intended application is being sent. A copy of this letter and the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and the Interested Parties as shown on the attached list. Upon receipt of the legal notice, a copy will be sent to all parties, posted in a prominent place and advertised in a newspaper with a general circulation in the area of the field.

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Cotton Valley Field
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Attached hereto is our check, made payable to the Office of Conservation to cover the applicable hearing fee.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. F. Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

B. F. Anderson, PE for
JOHN J. WELSH

cc: Mr. James Broussard, District Manager Shreveport District Office of Conservation
Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

LEGEND



Proposed +/-40 Ac. ROD RA Unit
Proposed +/-40 Ac. PET RA Unit



Existing +/-40 Ac. ROD RA & PET RA Units



Future Unit Well (ROD RA & PET RA)



Existing Unit Well (Rod. Sd. RA)



Existing Alternate (Rod. Sd. RA)



Existing Unit Well (Pet. RA)

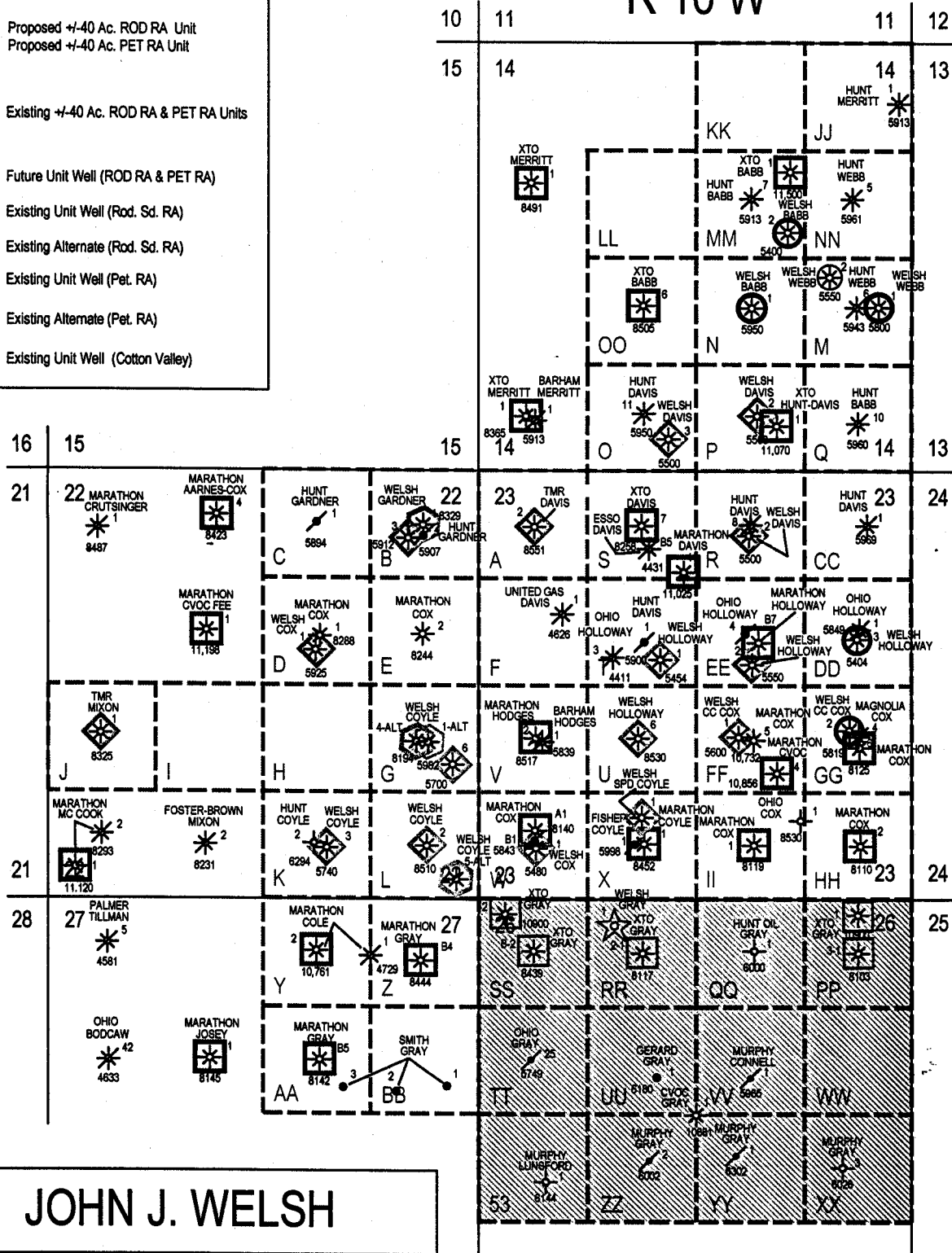


Existing Alternate (Pet. RA)



Existing Unit Well (Cotton Valley)

R 10 W



T 21 N

JOHN J. WELSH

COTTON VALLEY FIELD
WEBSTER PARISH, LOUISIANA

PLAT SHOWING PROPOSED UNITS FOR
RODESSA, RESERVOIR A & PETTET, RESERVOIR A

PP THRU 53



EXHIBIT NO.1